

SOCIETY DIRECTORY.

MASONIC.

PLYMOUTH KILWINING LODGE, No. 149, F. and A. M.; meets first and third Friday evenings of each month. Daniel McDonald, K. M.; Johnson Brownlee, Sec.

PLYMOUTH CHAPTER, No. 49, R. A. M.; meets second Friday evening of each month. L. McDonald, H. P. J. C. Jilson, Sec.

PLYMOUTH COMMAND'RY, No. 26 K. T.; meets second and fourth Thursday of each month. Ed Corbin E. C.; L. Tanner Rec.

PLYMOUTH CHAPTER, No. 26, O. E. S.; meets first and third Tuesdays of each month. Mrs. Sallie Parks, W. M. Mrs. W. J. Rankin, Sec.

ODD FELLOWS.

AMERICAN LODGE, No. 91; meets every Thursday evening at their lodge rooms on Michigan st. F. H. Alberts, N. G. Jesse Hoham, Sec.

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS.

HYPERION LODGE, No. 117; meets every Monday night in Castle Hall. John Linquist, C. C. Calvin Switzer, K. of R. and S.

FORESTERS.

PLYMOUTH COURT, No. 499; meets the second and fourth Friday evenings of each month, in K. of P. hall. Chas. S. Price, C. R. C. M. Slater, Sec.

K. O. T. M.

PLYMOUTH TENT, No. 27; meets every Tuesday evening at K. O. T. M. hall. Dan. Jacoby, Com. James Hoffman, Record Keeper.

L. O. T. M.

WIDE AWAKE HIVE, No. 67; meets every Monday night at K. O. T. M. hall on Michigan street. Mrs. Flora J. Ellis, Commander. Bessie Wilkinson, Record Keeper.

HIVE NO. 28; meets every Wednesday evening in K. O. T. M. hall. Mrs. Maggie Fogle, Com., Alma E. Lawrence, Record Keeper.

ROYAL ARCANUM.

Meets first and third Wednesday evenings of each month in Simon's hall. Moses M. Lauer, Regent. Francis McCrory, Sec.

WOODMEN OF THE WORLD

Meets first and third Wednesday evenings of each month in K. of P. hall. C. M. Kasper, C. C. Joe Eich, Clerk

G. A. R.

MILES H. TIBBETS POST, G. A. R.; meets every first and third Monday evenings in Simons hall. Dwight L. Dickerson Com., Charlie Wilcox, Adj.

SONS OF VETERANS.

Meets every second and fourth Friday evenings in G. A. R. hall. J. A. Shunk, Captain. Cora B. North, 1st Lieut.

CHURCHES.

METHODIST.—Class meeting every Sunday morning at 9:30 o'clock. Preaching at 10:30 a. m., and 7:30 p. m. Sunday school at 12 m. Epworth League at 6:30 p. m. Prayer meeting every Thursday evening at 7:30 p. m. L. S. Smith, pastor. J. W. Wilfong, class leader. D. Frank Redd, Sabbath school superintendent.

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL.—St. Thomas' Church. Rev. Wm. St. Raymond, rector. Sunday services, 10:30 a. m., 7:30 p. m. Sunday school at noon. Services Wednesday evenings at 7:30. Communion on holy days at 10 a. m.

CHURCH OF GOD.—Garro and Water sts. Regular services 10:30 a. m. each Sunday. Third Sunday in each month preaching by J. L. Wince; fourth Sunday by H. V. Reed. 10:30 Sunday morning and 7:30 Sunday evening. Sunday school at 12 o'clock; Eva Rallsback, Supt. Prayer meeting at 7:30 each Thursday evening.

UNITED BRETHREN.—Sunday—9:30 a. m. class meeting. 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m., preaching by the pastor 11:30 a. m., Sunday School. 5:00 p. m. Junior Y. P. C. U. meeting. 6:00 p. m. Senior Y. P. C. U. meeting. A cordial invitation is extended to the public.

CATHOLIC CHURCH.—Church is held on Sundays as follows: First mass at 7:30 a. m., second mass at 10:00 a. m., Vespers at 8:00 p. m. Week day mass 7:45. Father Moench, pastor.

THE WEEKLY INDEPENDENT.

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PLYMOUTH, - - - INDIANA.

NEWS TOLD IN PARAGRAPHS.

Minor Happenings of the Past Week.

EVENTS OF LAST SEVEN DAYS.

Political, Religious, Social and Criminal Doings of the Whole World Carefully Condensed for Our Readers—The Accident Record.

Glendale, Mont.—While coming down Lion mountain John Blennerhassett and Frank Webber, miners, started a snowslide, which killed them. Blennerhassett had a family at Lowell, Mass., and Webber a family in Shaver, Iowa.

San Francisco, Cal.—The steamship Moana, from Australia, due at this port Dec. 16, carries, according to cable advice, \$1,375,000 in gold. This brings up the total amount of gold sent here from Australia since August to \$11,375,000.

Huntington, Ind.—The sensational divorce suit of County Treasurer Jacob W. John against his wife was decided in the circuit court. Mrs. John filed a cross complaint and Judge Watkins granted the divorce to her. She was allowed \$1,200 alimony.

Sioux City, Iowa.—Iowa's first Christian Science church was dedicated here. Its seating capacity is about 800. It cost \$6,000 and is free from indebtedness. The local congregation numbers 600. Miss Clara Shepard, pastor here, conducted the dedicatory exercises.

Dayton, Ohio.—"Mike" Dwyer and John Laughlin of the Soldiers' Home quarreled. Laughlin struck Dwyer on the neck with his fist, knocking him down. Dwyer's head struck a stone step and his skull was fractured. He soon died. Laughlin was arrested on a charge of murder.

New York.—Eugene A. Cashman, a foreman in the street cleaning department of this city, was arrested here. Cashman was county treasurer of Greeley county, Nebraska, three years ago. It is alleged that he suddenly disappeared and left a shortage in his accounts of between \$25,000 and \$30,000.

Rockville, Ind.—The jury in the case of Charles T. Pritchard returned a verdict of guilty. Pritchard operated a private bank at Montezuma, accepting a deposit of \$75 after the bank was known to be insolvent. The penalty imposed calls for a \$150 fine—double the amount of the deposit—and imprisonment for one year.

Antigo, Wis.—L. E. Buckman, cashier of the defunct Antigo bank, was arrested on a charge of embezzlement. It is alleged that he issued a certificate of deposit for \$2,000, leaving the interest and making the entry on the bank's books as canceled. Receiver Bergman says the shortage in the bank will reach \$12,000.

Fort Wayne, Ind.—Fire in the Olds wagon works did about \$4,000 damage. Muskegon, Mich.—Gottlieb Ninneman, ex-president of the Muskegon brewery, is dead.

Denver, Col.—Samuel B. Morgan, one of the large real estate owners of Denver, died of paralysis.

Hamburg, Ark.—Grant Staley was thrown from a horse two miles north of town and was instantly killed.

Peru, Ill.—The family of Joseph Wellner was poisoned with sausage. The lives of three children are despaired of.

Sioux City, Iowa.—While riding with strangers from Sioux City to his farm, George Clark was beaten and robbed of \$60.

Moweaqua, Ill.—The Church of Zion was dedicated by the Christian denomination, the Rev. Samuel Piety delivering the oration.

Des Moines, Iowa.—Gov. Drake appointed Franklin Pratt of Waterloo successor to Judge Tollerton, resigned, in the 10th judicial district.

Toledo, O.—Dr. James H. Pooley, dean of the Toledo Medical college, and one of the best known physicians and surgeons in the state, is dead.

Oakland, Cal.—Two Southern Pacific switch engines came into collision on the Oakland mole, causing the deaths of two men and seriously injuring another.

Assumption, Ill.—Harry Fleck went hunting with an old musket. The barrel burst in his left hand and tore it so badly that it had to be cut off above the wrist.

Toledo, O.—Dan Robb was shot and instantly killed by William Downey. Robb is alleged to have made threats that he would kill Downey, with whom he had some difficulty.

Mascoutah, Ill.—The shortage of E. D. Tolle, the missing treasurer of the Belleville Loan association, is said to be something over \$10,000. Creditors will lose nothing. Tolle's whereabouts is still unknown.

New York.—The Prince line steamer Trojan Prince, from Leghorn, Genoa and Naples, brought 1,008 steerage passengers, most of them women and children.

Elgin, Ill.—The postmastership contest in Elgin has been decided in favor of H. D. Hemmens.

Detroit, Mich.—Albert K. Knapp, a German cigar maker, 39 years of age, tried to kill his aged mother. Subsequently he was found dead, having cut his throat.

Sioux Falls, S. D.—A state bar association has been formed, with Bartlett Tripp as president.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Springfield, Ill.—Dr. Carl Ferdinand Kuehler died at his home, aged 75. He was born in Germany and came to Springfield in 1846.

Knoxville, Tenn.—The strike in Paint Rock company coal mines at Almy culminated in the shooting of two miners, William West and James Garby.

Pontiac, Ill.—Postmaster Bradford has received word from Washington that mail-carriers have been appointed and free delivery goes into effect Dec. 16.

San Francisco, Cal.—Michael Purcell, a boiler-maker, was making some repairs inside the smokestack of the steamer Wellington at the Polson street wharf, when six fires were started below him. He lies at his home in a critical condition.

Madison, Wis.—There will be a contest over the will of the late William Mack Pyncheon, who left his estate of \$75,000 to \$100,000 to be used for the education of poor boys in Madison, after a sister, Mrs. Mary S. Eugene, has enjoyed the income during her life.

Black Hawk, Colo.—Uranium, worth \$1,500 per ton, has been discovered near here, and the agents of a French syndicate have announced that they will buy all that can be produced, as it is much desired by the French government for hardening and solidifying gun metal and armor plate.

St. Louis.—The Mississippi river has reached the low-water mark of 1864.

Columbus, Ohio.—The State Federation of Labor has passed resolutions endorsing the proposed postal savings plan and opposing the extension of time to put safety brakes on cars.

Beloit, Wis.—Mrs. John Radmacher, who has a baby three days old, was given a drink of carbolic acid by mistake by her seven-year-old daughter and will probably die.

Upper Sandusky, O.—At a depth of thirty-five feet a vein of coal was struck on the farm of Isaac Sneaveley, ten miles east of here.

Dubuque, Iowa.—Prof. Charles G. Kreischner, said to be the oldest educator in Iowa, was stricken with pneumonia and died.

Wabash, Ind.—Miss Susie Brower filed suit for \$10,000 in the Huntington Circuit court against Samuel Tyner, a grocer of Andrews, alleging breach of promise.

Cincinnati, Ohio.—John M. Newton, for many years librarian of the Young Men's Mercantile library of this city, fell dead in his chair in the library from heart disease.

Salina, Ill.—A special election on the question of establishing a system of water works in this city gave 140 for and 111 against. The council will proceed at once with the arrangements.

Lima, O.—Suits against Hardin county commissioners for \$35,000, the face value of spurious bonds sold Boston and Cincinnati banks by Z. T. Lewis, were compromised by the bondsmen paying the amounts.

Green Bay, Wis.—Gertrude Prince, the pretty 19-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Prince of Hayes, Oconto county, eloped with and married William Smith, a negro.

Harrisburg, Pa.—Commander in Chief Gobin of the Grand Army of the Republic has called a meeting of the executive committee of the national council, to be held in Cincinnati on Dec. 15, to fix the date of the next national encampment.

Lansing, Mich.—The Michigan crop report for December says the condition of wheat Dec. 1 was 88 per cent of the average. The condition is 3 per cent poorer than it was one year ago, the fields being unusually spotted.

Lansing, Mich.—Reports show the existence of hog cholera in fifty-one places in the state.

New York.—John C. Sheehan, the Tammany Hall leader, has gone to Hot Springs. He intends to remain in the South until his health is fully restored.

Akron, Ohio.—J. Cook & Sons, oldest wholesale and retail grocers at Akron, Ohio, have assigned. Liabilities, \$10,000; assets, \$8,000.

Wabash, Ind.—A suit to break the will of Joseph Busick was begun here by Allen G. Busick, an adopted son, who was given \$1,000 from the estate, valued at over \$100,000.

LATEST MARKET REPORTS.

PEORIA.

Eye, No. 2 47½ @ 43
Oats, No. 2 white 22½
Corn, No. 2 25

CHICAGO.

Hogs, all grades \$1.50 @ 3.45
Cattle, common to prime 1.60 @ 5.50
Sheep and lambs 2.25 @ 5.75
Corn, No. 2 25½ @ 26
Wheat, No. 3 spring 31¼ @ 32
Oats, No. 3 white 23¼ @ 23
Eggs 20
Rye, No. 2 45½
Butter 11 @ 23

KANSAS CITY.

Cattle, all grades 1.50 @ 4.85
Hogs, all grades 3.00 @ 3.35
Sheep and lambs 3.50 @ 5.65

ST. LOUIS.

Cattle, all grades 2.25 @ 5.30
Hogs 3.20 @ 3.35
Sheep 3.50 @ 5.75
Wheat, No. 298
Oats, No. 2 cash21
Corn, No. 2 cash 24¼

NEW YORK.

Wheat, No. 2 red39
Corn, No. 2 33¼
Oats, No. 2 25¼ @ 27

MILWAUKEE.

Wheat, No. 2 spring86
Corn, No. 3 26¼ @ 27
Oats, No. 2 23¼ @ 23½
Barley, No. 242

TOLEDO.

Wheat, No. 2 cash95
Corn, No. 2 mixed 26¼
Oats, No. 2 mixed22
Rye, No. 2 cash47
Cloverseed, prime cash 3.12½

WILL GO TO THE KLONDIKE.

Enormous Rush Is Expected in the Spring.

RAILROADS ARE PREPARED.

Hundreds of Seekers After Riches Will Probably Start Without Sufficient Preparation and Will Have to Give Up Reaching the Gold Land.

A prominent railroad official, talking of the expected rush to the Klondike in the spring, said:

"There is going to be a big rush of travel to Alaska when the season opens. People are preparing to go from every state in the union, and from almost every town. There will be at least 50,000 people who will make the trip, and the crowd may reach twice that number.

"I don't suppose they will all get as far as the Klondike; many will not get beyond Portland. In a rush such as this will be there will always be persons who start out without sufficient preparation and will have to give up before they get to their destination.

"The railroads will take care of the crowds without any trouble. All the lines are bidding for the business and the trip will be made as comfortable as possible. I understand that there will be enough steamers to carry the crowds promptly."

CUT OF 10 PER CENT.

Fall River Cotton Manufacturers Desire to Reduce Wages.

The Fall River, Mass., Cotton Manufacturers' association have decided to reduce all wages in the mills of the city. It is understood that the cut will be not less than 10 per cent, and that it will go into effect Jan. 1. The cut will affect 28,000 operatives, who are paid an aggregate weekly wage of \$180,000. The employees have not yet decided on their course.

MRS. MCKINLEY IS DEAD.

Aged Mother of the President Passes Away at Canton.

Mrs. McKinley, mother of President McKinley, passed from life without regaining consciousness, at a few minutes past 2 o'clock Sunday morning at Canton, Ohio, with all her children and other immediate friends at her bedside. She did not suffer any in her last hours.

Agree to Arbitrate.

Glass-workers and employees have entered into an agreement whereby all parties agree to leave to boards of arbitration any and all questions arising during this season. This agreement will insure that no plant will be closed down until July 1.

Milwaukee Bonds Invalid.

The issue by the city of Milwaukee of \$100,000 in bonds for the erection of a municipal garbage plant is declared invalid by the Supreme court declaring the law of 1897 under which they were issued unconstitutional.

Will Appeal to Supreme Court.

The city of Indianapolis will not abandon its fight for 3-cent fares on account of the adverse decision of the United States Circuit Court of Appeals. The case will be taken to the Supreme Court of the United States.

Blanco Sends Condolences.

Marshal Blanco has cabled to Senor de Lome, Spanish minister at Washington, a request that he tender Blanco's condolences to President McKinley on the death of the President's mother.

Indiana Bank Robber Arrested.

A man giving the name of George Barnhardt has been arrested at Alliance, Ohio, charged with being one of the robbers who looted the Milford bank at Warsaw, Ind., recently.

Big Fire Loss at Philadelphia.

Over \$800,000 in buildings and stock went up in smoke and fire in John and James Dapson's wholesale carpet salesrooms at Philadelphia, but the loss is fully covered by insurance.

Agree as to Spolis.

It is said that Great Britain has agreed not to oppose Germany's occupation of Kiaochow in return for Germany's promise not to interfere in the Egyptian question.

Convicted of Embezzlement.

Banker Pritchard, in Parke county, Ind., was given one year for embezzlement for receiving deposits after insolvency. This is the first conviction under the new law.

Miller Wins Bicycle Race.

C. W. Miller of Chicago won the six-day bicycle race at New York. He covered 2,013 miles, over 100 more than the record made by Hale at New York last December.

Has Much Gold on Hand.

The records of the treasury department show the amount of gold on hand is \$158,191,669, which is greater than at any time since August, 1890, when it was \$185,837,581.

River and Harbor Bill Postponed.

Republican leaders in the house have reached a partial agreement to defer action on the river and harbor bill until the next session of congress.

To Increase the British Army.

The British authorities are to add three army corps to the fighting strength of the empire. Two must be available for offensive purposes abroad.

No Action on Coast Defenses.

No definite action on coast defenses will be taken by congress until after the holidays.

THE TRADE REVIEW.

Encouraging Report Made by R. G. Dun & Co.

R. G. Dun & Co.'s Weekly Review of Trade says: "All speculative markets are stronger than a week ago. The outward movement of wheat and other products continues so heavy that foreign exchange has fallen three-quarters of a cent, and instead of exports of gold, which have marked December in recent years, imports would come if gold were wanted. Railroad earnings have enormously increased.

"The sudden rise in December wheat at Chicago to \$1.09 would do harm were it not based on avowed contracts to ship some millions of bushels to Europe. Cotton is a sixteenth stronger. A strike in English mills is no longer threatened, and the possibility of one at Fall River has little weight.

"There is more demand for iron and steel products in preparation for railway work, bridges and buildings next year and on contracts for export, with large shipments of various products to England and other countries. Foreign contracts for 40,000 tons of rails are pending.

"Failures for the week have been 312 in the United States, against 380 last year, and 29 in Canada, against 43 last year."

SPECIAL SESSION IN ILLINOIS.

Legislators Meet to Discuss Six Important Subjects.

The senate held a five-minute session. Senator Dunlop introduced a revenue bill. Resolutions of respect on the death of ex-Senator George W. Hill were adopted and the senate adjourned.

In the house Dec. 9, Mr. Giffin, chairman of the appropriation committee, reported bills appropriating \$60,000 for the soldiers and sailors' home at Quincy, and \$1,000 to defray the expenses of defending the inheritance tax cases now pending in the United States supreme court. The bills were ordered to second reading. In the senate the three bills making appropriations to defray the expenses of the extra session were advanced to third reading.

The first week of the special session ended Friday when, after a perfunctory meeting lasting five minutes in the house and three minutes in the senate, both branches adjourned until Monday evening at 5 o'clock.

AGREE TO ARBITRATE.

Glass Workers' and Manufacturers' War Reaches a Conclusion.

Anderson, Ind., Dec. 14.—Secretary J. D. Van Deventer of the window glass manufacturers' national wage committee has returned from Pittsburgh. A conference was held Saturday night after the workers had signed the wage scale, and another agreement was entered into, whereby all parties agree to leave to boards of arbitration any and all questions arising during this season.

It will be necessary to get in every working hour when the plants get started, and this agreement will insure that no plant will be closed down until July 1. The manufacturers also entered into agreement to do away with any animosity toward workers and treat all alike.

It is thought the cutters' and fitters' scale will be signed this week. Plants cannot now be started until after Jan. 1.

Alton Race War in Court.

Alton, Ill., Dec. 14.—The trouble between the school board and the colored people has been transferred from the local field to the supreme court. Mayor Henry Bueggemann and attorneys for the city, H. S. Balzer and John F. McGinnis, will go to Springfield to file an answer to the petition of the colored people for a writ of mandamus. The city means to prove that there has been no discrimination and that what has been done will work for the good of all.

Friends' Bible Conference.

Richmond, Ind., Dec. 14.—Arrangements have been made for a Bible conference to be held at Earlham college the coming summer under the auspices of the Indiana and Western Yearly Meetings of Friends. It is the intention to establish a permanent conference, to be held each year about the last of July, for two weeks. The most prominent workers of the two yearly meetings, as well as others, will take part.

Great Britain May Pay Bounties.

London, Dec. 14.—The Times, referring to rumors that the British government contemplates imposing countervailing duties on bounty sugar, asserts that the government has decided nothing except to inquire as to what would be the effect of such duties, because it is anticipated that a European conference may be held ere long to discuss the possibility of abolishing the bounty system.

To Reform Primaries.

Ralph M. Easley, secretary of the Civic Federation of Chicago, has issued the call for a national conference in New York January 14 and 15 of men interested in securing primary election reform legislation.

Must Close Minneapolis Schools.

The board of education has decided to close the schools in Minneapolis March 1, 1898. The board has no money and no legal right to borrow.

Want Reciprocity with Canada.

The board of directors of the Boston Merchants' association adopted resolutions endorsing reciprocity between Canada and the United States.

Senator Hanna Ill at New York.

Senator Hanna was taken suddenly ill at New York Friday. His condition is not believed to be serious.

Weak Stomach

Feels Perfectly Well Since Taking Hood's Sarsaparilla.

"I have been troubled for over two years with a weak stomach. I concluded to take Hood's Sarsaparilla. After taking a few bottles I felt perfectly well, and I cannot speak too highly of Hood's." Mrs. M. H. Wright, Akron, Ohio.

Hood's Sarsaparilla
Is the best—in fact the One True Blood Purifier